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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6,11 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5,7-10,12-15 and 17-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tran (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,075) in view of Aue (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,750).

Regarding claim 1, Tran teaches an apparatus for processing multi-path signals in rake receiver (10) having respective fingers (16) are allocated with the multi-path signals received through different paths and demodulate the multi-path signals (94) allocated to the respective fingers (16) (see fig. 1), the apparatus (10) comprising: the fingers (16, 1-N), each receiving timing control (52) signals generated from other fingers (1-N) in order to track the allocated multi-path signals and tracking the multi-path signal allocated to the corresponding finger (20) and an internal timing control signal (signal processing 64-70) in accordance with code tracker (88) selection signals (see fig. 1, col. 5, line 12 – col. 6, line 42); and outputting the code tracker (88) selection signals corresponding to the respective fingers (16, 1-N) in accordance with differences among time delays being tracked by the fingers allocated with adjacent path signals (see fig. 1, col. 7, lines 42-col. 8, lines 10). In this case, since the time delay is being tracking, on adjacent path signals 84 and 86 of the early or late by code tracker (88) and the threshold detector. But Tran fails to show the selecting any one of the timing control signals of other fingers and a controller for receiving the timing control signals from the fingers.

However, Aue teaches the selecting any one of the timing control signals (Fine time (Synchronization control or timing control) of other fingers (1-2 or to K) and a controller for receiving the timing control (Fine time (Synchronization control or timing control) signals from the fingers (1-2 or to K) (see fig. 7, (Fine time Synchronization control or timing control) and other fingers (1-2 or to K), col. 9, lines 19-37, and col. 10, lines 5-40, and col. 11, lines 3-45). In this case, the timing control selecting the Fine time Synchronization control from the time offset of each finger, so that the receiving the timing controller has information regarding the relative time delays of all of the RAKE fingers with the time delay is being tracking.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Tran with Aue, in order to control the relative time offset of the group, is used to influence the time delays of all of the PN generators in the group (see suggested by Aue on col. 11, lines 43-45).

Regarding claim 6, Tran teaches a method of processing multi-path signals in rake receiver (10) having respective fingers (16) are allocated with the multi-path signals received through different paths and demodulate the multi-path signals (94) allocated to the respective fingers (16, 1-N), the method comprising the steps of: outputting code tracker (88) selection signals corresponding to the respective fingers (16) in accordance with differences among time delays being tracked by the fingers allocated with adjacent path signals (84 and 86) with reference to timing control (52) signals generated from the respective fingers (16) in order to track the allocated multi-path signals (see fig. 1, col. 7, lines 42-col. 8, lines 10); the respective finger (16) selecting an internal timing control signal (90) in accordance with the code tracker

(88) selection signals (see fig. 1, col. 5, line 12 – col. 6, line 42); and tracking the path signal (82, 84 and 86) allocated to the corresponding finger. But Tran fails to show the selecting any one of the timing control signals of other fingers and using the selected timing control signal from the fingers.

However, Aue teaches the selecting any one of the timing control signals (Fine time (Synchronization control or timing control) of other fingers (1-2 or to K) and a controller for receiving the timing control (Fine time (Synchronization control or timing control) signals from the fingers (1-2 or to K) (see fig. 7, (Fine time Synchronization control or timing control) and other fingers (1-2 or to K), col. 9, lines 19-37, and col. 10, lines 5-40, and col. 11, lines 3-45). In this case, the timing control selecting the Fine time Synchronization control from the time offset of each finger, so that the receiving the timing controller has information regarding the relative time delays of all of the RAKE fingers with the time delay is being tracking.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Tran with Aue, in order to control the relative time offset of the group, is used to influence the time delays of all of the PN generators in the group (see suggested by Aue on col. 11, lines 43-45).

Regarding claims 11 and 16, Tran teaches an apparatus (10) for processing multi-path signals in rake receiver having respective fingers are allocated with the multi-path signals received through different paths and demodulate the multi-path signals allocated to the respective fingers (16, 1-N) (see fig. 1), the apparatus (10) comprising: a code tracker (88) for generating an internal timing control signal (90) for obtaining an optimum sample position from the allocated

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path signals 82, 84 and 86) (see fig. 1, col. 6, lines 19-28); a timing control signal selector (52) for receiving the internal timing control signal (90) from the code tracker (88) and selecting and outputting any one of the internal timing control signal (90) and allocated with the path signal and the finger allocated with an adjacent path signal (see fig. 1, col. 7, lines 42-col. 8, lines 10); and a demodulator (92) for demodulating the allocated path signal (80 and 82) in accordance with the selected timing control signal (see fig. 1, 37). But Tran fails to show the selecting any one of the timing control signals of other fingers and using the selected timing control signal from the fingers.

However, Aue teaches the selecting any one of the timing control signals (Fine time (Synchronization control or timing control) of other fingers (1-2 or to K) and a controller for receiving the timing control (Fine time (Synchronization control or timing control) signals from the fingers (1-2 or to K) (see fig. 7, (Fine time Synchronization control or timing control) and other fingers (1-2 or to K), col. 9, lines 19-37, and col. 10, lines 5-40, and col. 11, lines 3-45). In this case, the timing control selecting the Fine time Synchronization control from the time offset of each finger, so that the receiving the timing controller has information regarding the relative time delays of all of the RAKE fingers with the time delay is being tracking.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Tran with Aue, in order to control the relative time offset of the group, is used to influence the time delays of all of the PN generators in the group (see suggested by Aue on col. 11, lines 43-45).

Reasons for allowance

3. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15 and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reasons for allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15 and 17-20 are allowed with the same reasons set forth in the previous Office action (paper mailed on 03-21-2007).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiners supervisor, Anderson, Matthew D., can be reached at (571) 272-4177.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office** whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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